"WHO NEEDS A GOD OF POVERTY?" BY RATS
THE STRANGE LIFE OF A POVERTY-STRUCK GIRL AND THE HAPPY-GO-LUCKY GOD OF POVERTY THAT LIVES WITH HER!
Drawn by the winner of the Sylph Otome Comic Contest! Here is a new special 16-page oneshot!
[A REFRESHING ONE-SHOT]
貧乏神いりませんか?
BINBOU-GAMI, IRIMASEN KA?
RATS
-らっつ-

crumble...

HEY! HEY! KANAE-CHAN!

LET ME HAVE A NIBBLE OF THAT MISO.

fanning the smell towards him-self

J-JUST A BIT.

munch...

I'M IN HEAVEN!!

THIS RICH AROMA

!!!

BUT LET'S NOT FORGET THE SOYBEANS! ITS LIGHT SALTINESS IS WHAT HELPS ACCENTUATE THE FLAVOR!

It's official. MISO IS THE BEST!

What a weirdo...

I'm Kanae Shinjyou, age 16 currently living on my own

YOU REALLY LIKE MISO, HUH?

KISS
I LOVE IT.
BUT.
I LOVE YOU EVEN MORE, KANAE-CHAN.
BUT ITS TRUE. I-LOVE-YOU.
WHY?
Don't
DON'T GO THROWING THE WORD LOVE AROUND SO CASUALLY!
MISO ISN'T LIKE ICE CREAM! YOU CAN'T DOWN IT ALL IN ONE GO!
EMPTY.
DO WE HAVE ANY MORE?
BURP
I'm weak against his smile...
HEY, HEY, KANAE-CHAN!
W-WHAT IS IT THIS TIME?
EH-HE-HE ♪

THIS IS A MEMENTO OF MOM...
OH? KANAE-CHAN, YOU'RE WALLET'S ALL BEATEN UP. THINK IT'S TIME FOR A NEW ONE?
WE DON'T HAVE MONEY FOR SOME-THING LIKE THAT!
BESIDES ..
ARGH
WE'RE ALREADY TIGHT ON MONEY AS IT IS...
That was what my mom liked telling me
There's a god living in this house
But mom...
ENCYCLOPEDIA of GODS: ALL THE GODS IN ONE VOLUME!
ENCYCLO-PEDIA of GODS
There on, I knew my mother's words were true
Despite being a single, working mother, she raised me well. Her passing was so sudden, but that was when I was able to see him

Squeak
Sigh.
I'M OFF...
POPS OFF
HE'S THE GOD OF PO-VERTY !!!
?
GOD No. 00074
GOD of POVERTY
He may be a god but...
Can be found around people or in homes. Cursing them into poverty.
Carries around a fan
Has an affinity for miso
SERIOUSLY!?
*SLIDE
and yet we still have spiders
And the appliances are always on the fritz
The floors are falling apart
So yeah...
HE'S THE REASON WHY MY HOUSE IS IN THIS CONDITION !!!
hmp

*Japanese rice soup made from pre-cooked rice and water

Huh?
120 YEN PLEASE.
wobble
wobble
I know bad luck strikes us all but, how long is this streak going to last!?
24h
Always Friendly Services
WHATEVER, FIRST THINGS FIRST: I NEED SOME FOOD.
shake
My wallet isn't here!
WHAT AM I GOING TO DO!?
THAT WALLET WAS MOM'S...
WHERE COULD I HAVE DROPPED IT?
WHAT AM I GOING TO DO...?
haaa...

hmph
KANAE-CHAN! KEEP YOUR CHIN UP!
OKAY?
PAT
PAT
WHERE COULD THE LITTLE FELLOW BE?
STRANGE INDEED...
tilt
smile
AFTER ALL, I'M HERE!
clench
DONG
ISN'T THIS HAPPENING BECAUSE YOU'RE WITH ME?
HUH?
mutter
DONG
DONG
DONG
DONG
LOWER
DONG

IT'S BECAUSE YOU'RE THE GOD OF POVERTY!
BEING NEAR YOU... IS CURSING ME WITH MISFORTUNE!
KANAE-
CHA-
CLANK
CLANK
CLANK
DONG
DONG
DONG
DONG
CLANK
CLANK
DONG
DONG
CLANK
CLANK
CLANK
CLANK
DONG
CLANK
CLANK

That was the first time I've ever seen him make a face like that..
WHA...
CLANK
CLANK
drip
SILENCE
It's better this way. If he's not here, then I won't be blighted in poverty
I'll become happy
This is probably the first time I've spent the night alone like this in years.

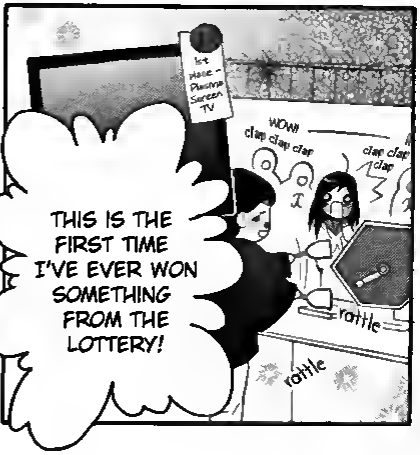
FALLS OUT!
LUCKY !!!
not sure where that came from though.

NEXT DAY
DING DING
NO WAY! IT WORKS! YESSS!
WASHING EACH ARTICLE OF CLOTHING ONE BY ONE WAS SUCH A PAIN!

EH!?
I'M HIRED!?
CAN YOU START TOMORROW?

To Kanae Shinyou.
I'm sorry for our sudden closure. It's not much, but here is your last paycheck
- OO Bakery
THANK GOODNESS... THAT'S A WEIGHT OFF MY SHOULDERS.

AH!
MOM'S WALLET!


WOW
clap clap clap
clap clap clap
THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'VE EVER WON SOMETHING FROM THE LOTTERY!
rattle
rattle

rustle
BUT...
I'M BACK...
IS THIS CHANGE IN LUCK BECAUSE HE'S NOT WITH ME?
T-
THANK GOOD-NESS...
HUGS
HUH...
HE DIDN'T... COME HOME
SQUEEZE
creak
Kanac-chan!
open

A little bit of misfortune isn't that bad...
I don't need happiness all the time
YOU TELL ME YOU LOVE ME BUT THEN YOU UP AND DISAPPEAR..
WHAT'S UP WITH YOU?
DON'T LEAVE ME ALL ALONE ...
CREAK
KANAE-CHAN!
KYAA AAA!
SNAP!

GASP
WHAT!?
PUNCH
W-
WHERE WERE YOU???
AGH!
AH!
ARE YOU OKAY, KANAE-CHAN?
SMASH

WELL, YOU REALLY TREASURE THAT WALLET, KANAE-CHAN
YOU MEAN YOU'VE SPENT THIS WHOLE TIME...
LOOKING FOR MY WALLET?
nod nod
dingy~
OR RATHER,
WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU?
I LOOKED ALL OVER FOR YOUR WALLET BUT I COULDN'T FIND IT, KANAE-CHAN...
REALLY!?
THAT'S GREAT!
...
I FOUND MY WALLET
sits
rustle
snicker
...
OKAY,
MISO RIGHT?
GRR ROO OW WL LL

NOM
NOM
NOM
HUG
WAH!
I LOVE YOU TO PIECES, KANAE-CHAN!
WAA AAA AAH !!!
IF MY FRONT DOOR FALLS OFF AGAIN, I'LL JUST FIX IT.
IF I'M DRENCHED IN THE RAIN, I'LL JUST DRY MY CLOTHES LATER.
IF I LOSE SOMETHING PRECIOUS TO ME...
BUT IS THIS ALRIGHT, KANAE-CHAN?
AS LONG AS I'M AROUND, MISFORTUNE WILL FOLLOW. .
IT'S FINE.
WE'LL...
JUST GO LOOKING FOR IT TOGETHER, RIGHT?
There's nothing that can take his place
PLEASE LOOK FORWARD TO RAT'S NEW WORK! ☆
END

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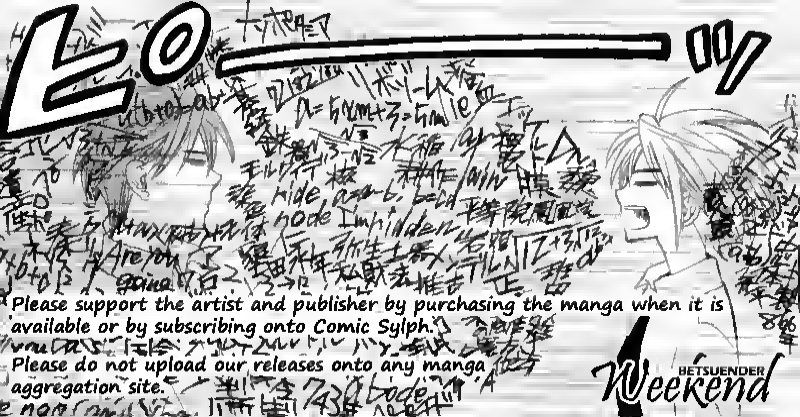
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